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## Minutes of Special Mayor and Council Meeting

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Approved by Mayor and Council  
on September 7, 2005

Date of Meeting: August 2, 2005

The Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson met in special session, in the Mayor and Council Chambers of City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 7:11 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, all members having been notified of the time and place thereof.

### 1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Walkup and upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Present:

José J. Ibarra	Council Member Ward 1
Carol W. West	Council Member Ward 2
Kathleen Dunbar	Vice Mayor, Council Member Ward 3
Shirley C. Scott	Council Member Ward 4
Steve Leal	Council Member Ward 5
Fred Ronstadt	Council Member Ward 6
Robert E. Walkup	Mayor

Absent/Excused: None

Staff Members Present:

Mike Hein	City Manager
Michael Rankin	City Attorney
Kathleen S. Detrick	City Clerk
Michael D. Letcher	Deputy City Manager

**2. BUDGET AND RESEARCH: APPROVING THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE EXPENDITURE LIMITATION – HOME RULE OPTION, CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PROPOSAL FOR NOVEMBER 8 AND SPECIFYING THE FORM OF BALLOT**

Mayor Walkup announced City Manager's communication number 461, dated August 2, 2005, would be received into and made a part of the record. He asked the City Clerk to read Ordinance 10193 by number and title only.

Ordinance No. 10193 relating to a proposed alternative expenditure limitation (Home Rule Option) for the City of Tucson; pursuant to Article IX, Section 20, Paragraph 9 of the Arizona Constitution, referring to the City's qualified electors a proposal to allow the City of Tucson to adopt an alternative expenditure limitation for fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 that replaces the State-imposed expenditure limitation; calling a special election on the proposal; specifying the form of ballot for this special election; and declaring an emergency.

It was moved by Council Member Ronstadt, duly seconded, to pass and adopt Ordinance 10193.

Council Member Scott said she thought it would be helpful for the public to understand what the ordinance might mean to them. The clarification in the simplest terms was that this would not be a new tax. It would simply allow the City, when it collected money above a certain point to spend it. It seemed obvious that if the City was collecting money and needed to do things, they should be allowed to spend the money they collected. That was what this Ordinance was. That meant that the new impact fees that the City would be collecting would be allowed to be spent. She reiterated it was not a tax, it was an option. She added it would sunset after four years. If the voters did not like it, it would go back to the voters and they could chose to return to where they were before.

Council Member West stated it sounded as if the State's windfall was going to help the City, if the projections were correct, by nine million dollars. She emphasized to the public that an alternative expenditure limit did not provide the Mayor and Council with any additional taxing authority. All State and local tax laws would continue to apply. That was something she thought some people had some concerns about. She also has said she would not vote for this if they did not inform the public on how this money would be used. She thought it was vitally important that the public know. She commented on a very conservative constituent in her Ward who visited her office. When she explained it to him, she asked if he would support it on the ballot. He replied he would if he knew how they were going to use the money. Council Member West thought that was a good piece of advice for her and she urged that this fall they give the public a good idea of how the funds would be spent, so the public would be comfortable in giving them that authority.

Mayor Walkup asked if there were any further discussions. Upon hearing none, he asked for a roll call vote.

Upon roll call, the results were:

Aye: Council Members Ibarra, West, Scott, Leal and Ronstadt;  
Vice Mayor Dunbar and Mayor Walkup

Nay: None

Ordinance 10193 was declared passed and adopted by a roll call vote of 7 to 0.

**3. ADJOURNMENT:** 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Walkup announced that the special meeting was adjourned and the Council would reconvene its regular meeting.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY**

I, the undersigned, have read the foregoing transcript of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2005, and certify that it is an accurate transcription.

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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